REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed March 12, 2008 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Claim 44 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 43, 44, and 48-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0176118 A1, to Strittmatter et al. (hereinafter "Strittmatter"). Claims 58-60 and 62-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strittmatter in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0083228, to Chiloyan et al. (hereinafter "Chiloyan").

With this response, Claim 44 is canceled. Claims 43, 48-57, 58-60, and 62-77 remain pending in the application.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments set forth below, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

<u>35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Rejection</u>

The Office Action rejected Claim 44 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have canceled Claim 44, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

<u>35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections</u>

The Office Action rejected Claims 43 and 48-57 as being anticipated by Strittmatter. As set forth below, applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections and submit that the rejected claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 43

As amended, Claim 43 reads as follows:

> 43. A method for device selection in a computer system, the method comprising:

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creating a common dialog object suitable for displaying information associated *with devices installed on the computer system* to a user on a display device;

associating a user-selected filter with the common dialog object;

obtaining device information corresponding to the devices installed on the computer system to be displayed by accessing device information contained in a function discovery database;

filtering the device information using the user-selected filter to obtain a filtered subset of enumerated devices;

causing the common dialog object to output display information of the filtered subset of enumerated devices to the display device, *the display information comprising an iconic representation of a device in the filtered subset and a corresponding textual description of the device*;

receiving a user selection of a device; and

returning a reference to the selected device.

(Emphasis added.)

Applicants submit that Strittmatter fails to disclose at least those elements highlighted above.

Regarding the elements "creating a common dialog object suitable for displaying information associated with *devices installed on the computer system to a user on a display device*," applicants assert that Strittmatter fails to disclose displaying information regarding devices installed on the system. Indeed, Strittmatter is directed towards discovering external devices (not devices installed on the mobile device) with which the mobile device can communicate.

Regarding the elements "output[ting] display information of the filtered subset of enumerated devices to the display device, *the display information comprising an iconic representation of a device in the filtered subset and a corresponding textual description of the device*," applicants assert that Strittmatter fails to disclose **both** an iconic representation of the device as well as a textual description of the device.

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In view of the above, applicants submit that Strittmatter fails to disclose each and every element of Claim 43. As Strittmatter fails to disclose each element of Claim 43, a *prima facie* case of anticipation cannot be made. Accordingly, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of Claim 43 be withdrawn, and the claim allowed.

Claims 48-57

Claims 48-57 depend from independent Claim 43. As Claim 43 is in condition for allowance, applicants submit that Claims 48-57, when read in combination with Claim 43, are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of Claims 48-57 be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 58-60 and 62-77 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Strittmatter in view of Chiloyan. For the reasons set forth below, applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 58 and 59

Claims 58 and 59 each depend from independent Claim 43. As Claim 43 is in condition for allowance, applicants submit that Claims 58 and 59 are also in condition for allowance.

Applicants further submit that the addition of Chiloyan fails to amend the deficiencies of Strittmatter with regard to independent Claim 43. In short, applicants submit that Strittmatter and Chiloyan, alone and in combination, fail to disclose each element of independent Claim 43. Hence, when read in combination with independent Claim 43, applicants further submit Strittmatter and Chiloyan, alone and in combination, fail to disclose each element of Claims 58 and 59. Accordingly, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections of Claims 58 and 59 be withdrawn, and the claims allowed.

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Claim 60

As amended, independent Claim 60 reads as follows:

60. A system for accessing and manipulating device information for user selected desired devices, wherein the device information is presented in a unified way, the system comprising:

a set of installed devices;

a device selection user interface displaying actionable icons and a textual description for each device of the set of devices;

a function discovery database having enumerated device information corresponding to the set of installed devices;

a programming interface corresponding to the device selection user interface for interacting with the function discovery database;

a filtering component for selecting a subset of enumerated devices having a plurality of user-selectable filters and an executable component, which, when executed, filters device information using a user-selected filter to obtain a filtered subset of enumerated devices; and

a data processing component having an executable component, which, when executed:

creates a common dialog object on the user interface having actionable icons for the set of devices;

associates a user-selected filter with the common dialog object;

obtains a filtered subset of enumerated devices to be displayed within the common dialog object by accessing device information contained in the function discovery database through the programming interface and the filtering component;

causes the common dialog object to *output display information of the filtered subset of enumerated devices to a display device, the display information comprising the icon of a device in the filtered subset and the corresponding textual description of the device*;

receives a user selection of a device; and

returns a reference to the selected device.

(Emphasis added.)

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Regarding the elements highlighted above, applicants submit that Strittmatter and Chiloyan, alone and in combination, fail to disclose displaying both an iconic representation of a filtered device as well as a corresponding textual description of the device. Accordingly, a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot be made. Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of independent Claim 60 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Claims 62-71

Claims 62-71 each depend from independent Claim 60. As Claim 60 is in condition for allowance over Strittmatter and Chiloyan, applicants submit that Claims 62-71 are also in condition for allowance, especially when read in combination with Claim 60. Accordingly, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of Claims 62-71 be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claim 72

Independent Claim 72 recites similar subject matter to that found in independent Claim 60. In particular, Claim 72 recites the following:

> causes the common dialog object to output display information of the filtered subset of enumerated devices to a display device, *the display information comprising the icon of a device in the filtered subset and the corresponding textual description of the device*;
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> (Emphasis added.)

As discussed above, applicants submit that Strittmatter and Chiloyan, alone and in combination, fail to disclose at least these elements of independent Claim 72. Accordingly, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of Claim 72 be withdrawn and the claim allowed.
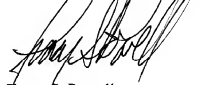
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Claims 73-77

Claims 73-77 each depend from independent Claim 72. As Claim 72 is in condition for allowance over the cited references, particularly Strittmatter and Chiloyan, applicants submit that Claims 73-77 are also in condition for allowance when read in combination with Claim 72. Accordingly, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of Claims 73-77 be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and foregoing remarks, applicants submit that the pending claims, Claims 43, 48-60, and 62-77, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding these matters, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' representative at the number below.

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